



Memorandum

TO: Historic Landmarks Commission

FROM: Courtney Damkroger

SUBJECT: Draft Policy on the Use of Funds
Obtained for the Unlawful Demolition
or Alteration of Historic Resources

DATE: September 24, 2002

APPROVED:

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BACKGROUND

At its August 7, 2002 meeting, the Historic Landmarks Commission directed staff to work on a draft policy that the Commission could recommend to the City Council that would provide for the allocation of settlement fines from the unpermitted demolition of historic buildings to the historic preservation program. The Commission also stated that they would like to see language in the proposed policy regarding the loss of the Fredkins Market and Italian Gardens funds.

Attached please find a draft memorandum to the City Council regarding the proposed policy as well as a draft policy.

ANALYSIS

The City Manager's Office is recommending that the settlement funds from Italian Gardens be appropriated to Planning as one of the Annual Report clean-up actions that will occur in October. However, given the recent direction from the City Manager's Office requiring Departments to reduce their budgets by \$8.8 million to offset a General Fund shortfall in the current year, the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement did not include a request for \$90,000 (an amount equal to the Fredkins settlement) from the General Fund for the historic preservation program in the memo accompanying the proposed policy. Funds received from the Fredkins settlement long ago became part of the fund balance in the General Fund which is seeing significant impacts from the economic downturn.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Landmarks Commission review the attached proposals and provide recommendations for next steps.

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